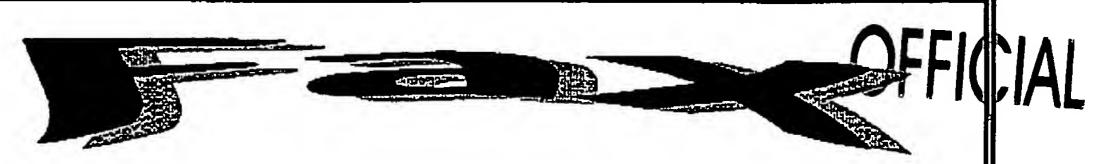
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Message:

I am attorney of record and the current contact for "System, Method and Program Product for Improving Broker's Profits in Electronic Commerce", filed January 4, 2001, first named inventor Nimrod Megiddo. Please let me know the status of this application and projected first Office Action date. Also, the PAIR system indicates that a petition was entered on 3/18/2002 and denied on 5/15/2002 for this application. I was not aware of any petition related to this case, so can you clarify what that's about?

Thanks!

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